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PARK TELLS HEARING OF \$850,000 IN GIFTS

Says \$20,000 Went to Nixon's Race
—Also Helped 30 in Congress

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WASHINGTON, April 3—Tongsun Park began his long-awaited public testimony today by saying that he had given a total of \$850,000 in gifts and campaign contributions to President Nixon's re-election committee, 30 former and present Congressmen and several unsuccessful candidates for the House.

The Korean businessman and alleged covert agent, a reluctant and occasionally testy witness, told the House ethics committee that he had contributed \$20,000 to \$25,000 to Mr. Nixon's election campaign in 1972.

Mr. Park's testimony provided the most precise information available to date about the total amount of his political payments, the size of his gift to the Nixon campaign and the number of politicians to whom he gave money.

In response to questions from Leon Jaworski, the committee's special counsel, Mr. Park also acknowledged that he had given \$221,000 to former Representative Cornelius E. Gallagher, Democrat of New Jersey, an amount not reported before.

The pattern of Mr. Park's largesse described today was known before, focusing largely on Congressmen from rice-growing areas who could aid his business as rice agent; Congressmen in important committee positions who could influence aid to Korea, and Congressmen who were swing votes and might be persuaded to favor Korea.

Whether any of this was illegal or unethical must be decided by the ethics committee and perhaps the House as a whole. It is illegal for a Federal official, including a Congressman, to accept "things of value" from an agent of a foreign government or from anyone with an interest in legislation before Congress. But if that agent was covert, as allegedly was the case with Mr. Park, the issue is cloudy and unresolved.

Mr. Park, who sparred with Mr. Jaworski and later with John W. Nields, the committee's chief of staff for the investigation, further admitted having given \$262,000 to former Representative Richard T. Hanna, Democrat of California. Mr. Hanna pleaded guilty to conspiracy on March 17.

Another recipient previously known was former Representative William E. Minshall, Republican of Ohio, who Mr. Park said got, in addition to \$21,000 in cash, an unspecified amount of what Mr. Park called "spending money" between 1970 and 1973. The campaign contribution to Mr. Nixon also went through Mr. Minshall, Mr. Park said.

Still another recipient of large sums was former Representative Otto E. Passman, a Democrat from Louisiana who was indicted last Friday for conspiracy and other alleged felonies.

But there was a difference between Mr. Jaworski and Mr. Park on the amounts. Mr. Park said that the total came to about \$250,000. Mr. Jaworski implied in his questions that the committee's evidence showed payments of nearly \$500,000 to Mr. Passman.

Testifies Under Agreement

Mr. Park contended that he was a voluntary witness before the committee, but in fact he testified under an agreement between the United States and Korean Governments and has been indicted for conspiracy, bribery, fraud and failure to register as a foreign agent.

He has been promised immunity from prosecution in return for truthful testimony, a quality that some members of the committee clearly doubted today.

On Mr. Jaworski's list of politicians to whom Mr. Park admitted making payments were the late Representative John J. Rooney, Democrat of Brooklyn, who, Mr. Park said, got \$2,000 in cash in 1970 and again in 1972, which was not reported before.

Representative Edward J. Patten, Democrat of New Jersey, got \$500 each year from 1970 to 1976, Mr. Park said, in the form of contributions to an annual picnic of the Middlesex County Democratic Party. Those details were unreported before.

A spokesman for Mr. Patten said that the Representative returned early this morning from a 10-day Congressional trip to Europe and had neither heard nor seen today's testimony. "He will have no comment until he sees a transcript," the spokesman said.

Mr. Park testified that he gave former Representative Seymour Halpern, Republican of Queens, \$500 in cash in 1970 and 1971. Former Representative Peter H.B. Frelinghuysen, Republican of New Jersey, and Representative John M. Murphy, Democrat of Staten Island, got \$500 each in 1970. The report on Mr. Halpern is new while the others were known.

In one of the few exchanges of humor in the session, Mr. Park admitted giving \$100 to Representative Frank Thompson Jr., Democrat of New Jersey, also in 1970 and known before. When Mr. Jaworski asked why the amount was so small, Mr. Park replied "One hundred dollars is good money. My only regret is that the value of the dollar has been going down."

Mr. Park specifically asserted that he had not given any money to the Speaker of the House, Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. of Massachusetts. There have been rumors that Mr. O'Neill did get some money. Mr. Park confirmed, however, that he had picked up the tab for two parties for Mr. O'Neill, one for \$2,000, and paid \$500 for a pair of hurricane lamps and a set of golf clubs for the Speaker.

The bitterest part of the interrogation revolved around the issue of whether Mr. Park had been acting as an agent of the Korean Government in an effort to influence Congress to favor Korea in military aid and political commitment.

Mr. Nields produced document after document intended to lead to that conclusion and refused to be swayed from the point of his questions when Mr. Park appeared to wander off on a tangent.

Protest Is Ignored

Finally, Mr. Park said to Mr. Nields: "Are you still at the old game that I was an agent of the Korean Government? I have been over this a thousand times." He was referring to closed sessions with officials of the Justice Department, the Senate Select Committee on Ethics and the committee before which he appeared today.

"I have denied that a thousand times," Mr. Park said. "Nothing is going to make me change something I didn't do."

Mr. Nields ignored him and continued his questions.

The issue is critical to the committee's case, as it is illegal for a Congressman to take something of value from an agent, official or unofficial, of a foreign government.

At least two members of the committee doubted Mr. Park's veracity. Representative Millicent Fenwick, Republican of New Jersey, said in a brief interview: "There's no question in my mind that high Korean officials knew what he was doing, approved what he was doing and supported what he was doing." She said that Mr. Park had "a warm and close relationship" with the Korean Central Intelligence Agency.

Representative Bruce F. Caputo, Republican of Westchester, said that Mr. Park "testifies to the limit of our knowledge, but then his amnesia sets in."

Other new money turned up in the hearing today was Mr. Park's gift of \$10,000 in cash to former Representative Nick Galifianakis, Democrat of North Carolina, in 1972. A \$500 contribution to Mr. Galifianakis in 1970 had been reported.

Mr. Park confirmed reports that Representative Edward R. Roybal, Democrat of California, got \$1,000 in cash in 1974 and also confirmed the well-publicized contributions to Representatives John Brademas, Democrat of Indiana; John J. McFall, Democrat of California, and Senator Spark M. Matsunaga, Democrat of Hawaii.

Recipients of Funds Named by Park

WASHINGTON, April 3 (UPI)—Tongsun Park, the South Korean rice dealer, testified today before the House ethics committee that he had made payments to the following Congressmen:

Former Representative E. Ross Adair, Republican of Indiana, \$500 in 1970.

Former Representative William A. Ayres, Republican of Ohio, \$500 in 1970.

Representative John Brademas, Democrat of Indiana, a total of \$5,250, including a \$500 check in 1970, forgiveness of \$1,800 in 1972 for expenses for a fund-raising event at Mr. Park's George Town Club and \$2,950 in 1974 in cash.

Representative John B. Breaux, Democrat of Louisiana, \$5,000 in 1972. Mr. Park said he gave a check in that amount to Gordon Dore, a friend of Mr. Breaux's, and did not know who cashed the check, though it was intended for Mr. Breaux.

Representative William S. Brockmeyer, Republican of Michigan, a \$1,000 check in 1970, which was later sent back to Mr. Park.

Representative Kika E. de la Garza, Democrat of Texas, \$500 in 1970.

Former Representative Edwin W. Edwards, Democrat of Louisiana, who is now Governor of Louisiana. Mr. Park said he gave a total of \$25,000 to Mr. Edwards as follows: \$20,000 in 1971, including \$5,000 to Mr. Edwards, \$5,000 to his brother, Marion, \$10,000 to Mr. Edwards's wife, Elaine, and \$5,000 more in 1972 to Mr. Edwards.

Representative Thomas S. Foley, Democrat of Washington, \$500 in 1970.

Former Representative Peter H. B. Frelinghuysen, Republican of New Jersey, \$500 in 1970, which was later returned to Mr. Park.

Former Representative Nick Galifianakis, Democrat of North Carolina, \$500 in 1970 and \$10,000 in 1972.

Former Representative Cornelius E. Gallagher, Democrat of New Jersey, \$13,000 in 1970: \$59,000 in 1971 and \$19,000 in 1972. This was in addition to a \$250,000 loan that Mr. Park said he made to Mr. Gallagher in 1975. Mr. Park said Mr. Gallagher repaid about \$120,000 of the loan and that he "forgave" the remaining \$130,000.

Former Representative Seymour Hahn, Republican of Queens, \$500 in 1970 and again in 1971.

Former Representative Richard T. Hanna, Democrat of California, a total of about \$262,226, including \$96,226 in business payments spanning the period 1969 to 1975.

Former Representative Lawrence J. Hogan, Republican of Maryland, \$500 in 1970.

Former Representative Albert W. Johnson, Republican of Pennsylvania, \$1,000 in 1974.

Former Representative Thomas S. Kleppe, Republican of North Dakota, \$500 in 1972.

Former Representative Donald E. Lukens, R-

publican of Ohio, about \$500 in 1968 and again in 1970.

Former Representative Spark M. Matsunaga, Democrat of Hawaii, now a Senator from Hawaii, \$500 in 1970 and \$1,000 in 1972.

Representative John J. McFall, Democrat of California, \$1,000 in 1972 and \$3,000 in 1974.

Former Representative William E. Minshall, Republican of Ohio, about \$5,000 in 1970, \$1,000 in 1971, \$15,500 in 1972 and about \$10,000 in 1973. In addition Mr. Park said he gave Mr. Minshall about \$25,000 to be contributed to the Nixon Presidential campaign in 1972.

Former Representative Chester L. Mize, Republican of Kansas, \$500 in 1970.

Representative John M. Murphy, Democrat of Staten Island, \$500 in 1970.

Former Representative Otto E. Passman, Democrat of Louisiana, \$72,000 in 1972, \$103,000 in 1973, a total of about \$70,000 in 1974 and 1975 and about \$2,000 in 1976, for a total of about \$247,000.

Representative Edward J. Patten, Democrat of New Jersey, \$500 a year from 1970 to 1976 for a total of \$3,500.

Representative Melvin Price, Democrat of Illinois, \$500 in 1970.

Former Representative John R. Rarick, Democrat of Louisiana, \$1,000 in 1974.

Former Representative John J. Rooney, Democrat of Brooklyn, \$2,000 in 1970 and again in 1972.

Representative Edward R. Roybal, Democrat of California, \$1,000 in 1974.

Representative Frank Thompson Jr., Democrat of New Jersey, \$100 in 1970.

Representative Morris K. Udall, Democrat of Arizona, \$300 in 1970.

Representative Charles H. Wilson, Democrat of California, a \$1,000 "wedding present" in Korean currency, which was later converted to United States dollars.

Mr. Park also said he gave \$300 in 1970 to Robert Reveles, who ran unsuccessfully for the House, and \$1,000 the same year to Philip McMartin, who also ran unsuccessfully for the House.

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FROM :
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SUBJECT : Financial Disclosure Legislation

Attached is a one page rebuttal to Representative Mazzoli's (D., KY) article in the Washington Post on our financial disclosure language. You should raise this with the President or be prepared to discuss it with him, especially in light of the Representative's taking the President to task and attacking the Administration's sincerity about ethics in government.

This office has been in contact with Representative Mazzoli on several occasions. At times he has appeared to be supportive of our position. While he seems to have no trouble with the need for protecting the identity of intelligence employees, he appears to be bothered by the use of cover. He probably intends to oppose this language on the floor.

Also attached are copies of the Post article and the language of H.R. 1 in question.

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